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ROUNDUP.

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1. SUMMARY: IN FINAL SESSION, ECLA SPONSORED LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIALIZATION APPROVED WITHOUT A VOTE A DECLARATION ON INDUSTRIALIZATION IN LATIN AMERICA PREPARED BY A WORKING GROUP OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. RESERVATIONS WERE MADE BY SEVERAL LATIN DELEGATIONS, UK AND US WHILE DUTCH SUPPORTED DECLARATION. CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE ACCEPTED U.S. STATEMENT THAT DECLARATION WAS WORK SOLELY OF LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES TO BE USED AS AN EXPRESSION OF THEIR VIEWS AT UNIDO PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE IN MARCH 1975. THIS WILL BE STATED IN OFFICIAL REPORT OF FINAL SESSION STILL TO BE PREPARED BY ECLA SECRETARIAT. CONFERENCE ALSO ADOPTED
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WITHOUT VOTE A RESOLUTION TO INVITE ECLA TO ESTABLISH

AN ALL LATIN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE AND A RESOLUTION REQUESTING UNIDO TO STUDY THE LINK BETWEEN PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. US DEL OPPOSED LATTER.

2. WORKING GROUP FROM WHICH US, UK AND DUTCH MEMBERS OF ECLA WERE EXCLUDED, SPENT LONG HOURS TO RESOLVE MANY DIFFERENCES AND FINALLY PROCEDED DECLARATION AND TWO RESOLUTIONS IN EARLY HOURS OF FINAL DAY. SHORTLY AFTER THEIR RELEASE THAY WERE SUBMITTED TO PLENARY SESSION WHERE ONLY MINOR CHANGES WERE MADE BY LATIN DELEGATIONS. UK DELEGATION STATED THAT DECLARATION AND TWO RESOLUTIONS WERE WORK OF LATIN DELEGATES AND, AS UK ONLY OBSERVED PROCEEDINGS, HE WOULD ABSTAIN FROM APPROVAL. DUTCH EMBASSY DELEGATE ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN EXCLUDED, BUT MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION FROM SURINAM (CHAIRMANI) AND DUTCH ANTILLES SUPPORTED DECLARATION. US DELEGATION NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM LATIN WORKING GROUP AND THAT THIS DECLARATION WAS FIRST STEP IN SERIES OF NEGOTIATION IN PREPARATION FOR UNIDO II IN COURSE OF WHICH WE WOULD MAKE SPECIFIC COMMENTS. HE NOTED THAT SEVERAL PARTS WERE UNACCEPTABLE NOTABLY PARAGRAPH 6)ON SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT). HE MADE CLEAR THAT ACTION OF DELEGATION HERE DID NOT AFFECT IN ANY WAY THE POSITION OF THE US IN NEGOTIATIONS ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES AT UN.

3. DECLARATION ON INDUSTRIALIZATION CONTAINS MANY USEFUL STATEMENTS AND WAS DRAFTED BY DELEGATIONS MANY OF WHICH WERE HEADED BY MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY AND DEVELOPMENT. IT ALSO CONTAINS REFERENCES TO THE DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA, AND LANGUAGE ON SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, THE RIGHT OF EXPROPRIATION, TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, AND FAIR SHARE TARGETS WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. SOME STATEMENTS ARE ACCUSATORY AND NOT WELL BALANCE FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, BUT MUCH OF IT IS A FAIR AND USEFUL STATEMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN VIEWS.

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4. RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ECLA INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE OBVIOUSLY HAD SUPPORT OF MOST DELEGATIONS PRESENT AND COMMITTEE IS VIEWED AS IMPORTANT FOLLOW UP MACHINERY FOR THE DECLARATION OF INDUSTRIALIZATION. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDS THAT ECLA SET UP THIS ALL LATIN COMMITTEE AT ITS 16TH SESSION "TO INTENSIFY INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE

REGION AND TO GIVE BROAD EFFECT TO THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION ADOPTED BY THIS CONFERENCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE PROGRAMS OF WORK DECIDED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE BEING PROVIDED BY THE ECLA SECRETARIAT, WITH THE COOPERATION OF UNIDO.

5. THERE DID NOT SEEM TO BE MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR THE "RESOLUTION ON THE LINK BETWEEN PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" WHICH WAS SUBMITTED BY CUBA. IT WAS, HOWEVER SWEEPED THROUGH IN THE FINAL REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP DESPITE US OPPOSITION WHICH WILL BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

6. MEXICO OBVIOUSLY PLAYED A VERY LEADING ROLE IN THE WHOLE CONFERENCE PROVIDING A STRONG AND POPULAR CHAIRMAN IN THE PERSON OF THE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, A LARGE DELEGATION, AND THE PRIMARY WORKING DOCUMENT FOR THE DECLARATION ON INDUSTRIALIZATION. THE SECRETARY (MINISTER) FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE IN SPEECHES AT THE OPENING SESSION AND BY THE LATTER AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE CALLED FERVENTLY FOR LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE DESPITE THE RIGIDITY OF THE SELFISH RICH NATIONS. FREQUENT MENTION OF THE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES ELICITED SUPPORT FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS. A CALL FOR PASSAGE OF THE CHARTER BY THE CURRENT UNGA WAS INCLUDED IN THE DECLARATION OF INDUSTRIALIZATION. PROBABLY THE CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO INCREASING LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY PARTICULARLY BY ACHIEVING MORE AGREEMENT ON POLITICALLY ORIENTED STATEMENTS ON ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND ON INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE DECLARATION ON INDUSTRIALIZATION MAY VERY WELL BECOME, IN THE WORDS OF THE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, "THE FLAG OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS THEY STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE THROUGH THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

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